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(54) **RECHARGEABLE BATTERY**

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(57) **ABSTRACT**

A rechargeable battery includes an electrode assembly having a first electrode and a second electrode; a case housing the electrode assembly; a cap plate coupled to the case; a short-circuit tab electrically coupled to the second electrode and having an opening; a short-circuit member electrically coupled to the first electrode and configured to be moved by a change in pressure to be electrically coupled to the short-circuit tab; and a cover covering the opening in the short-circuit tab.

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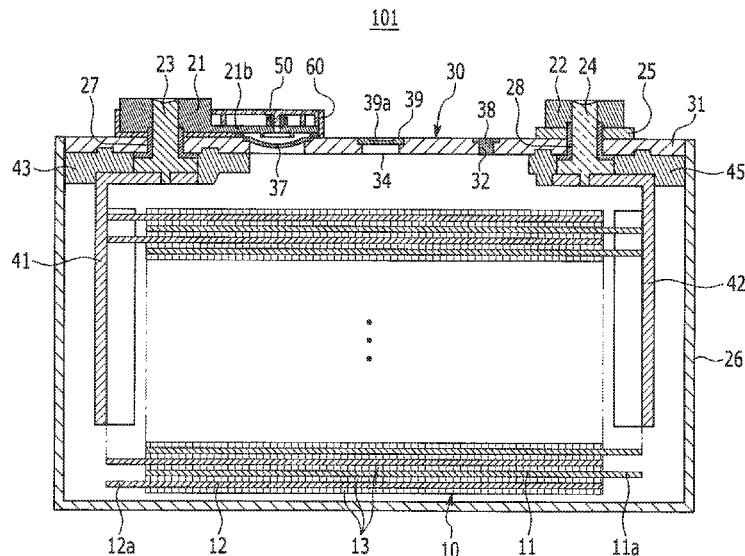


FIG. 1

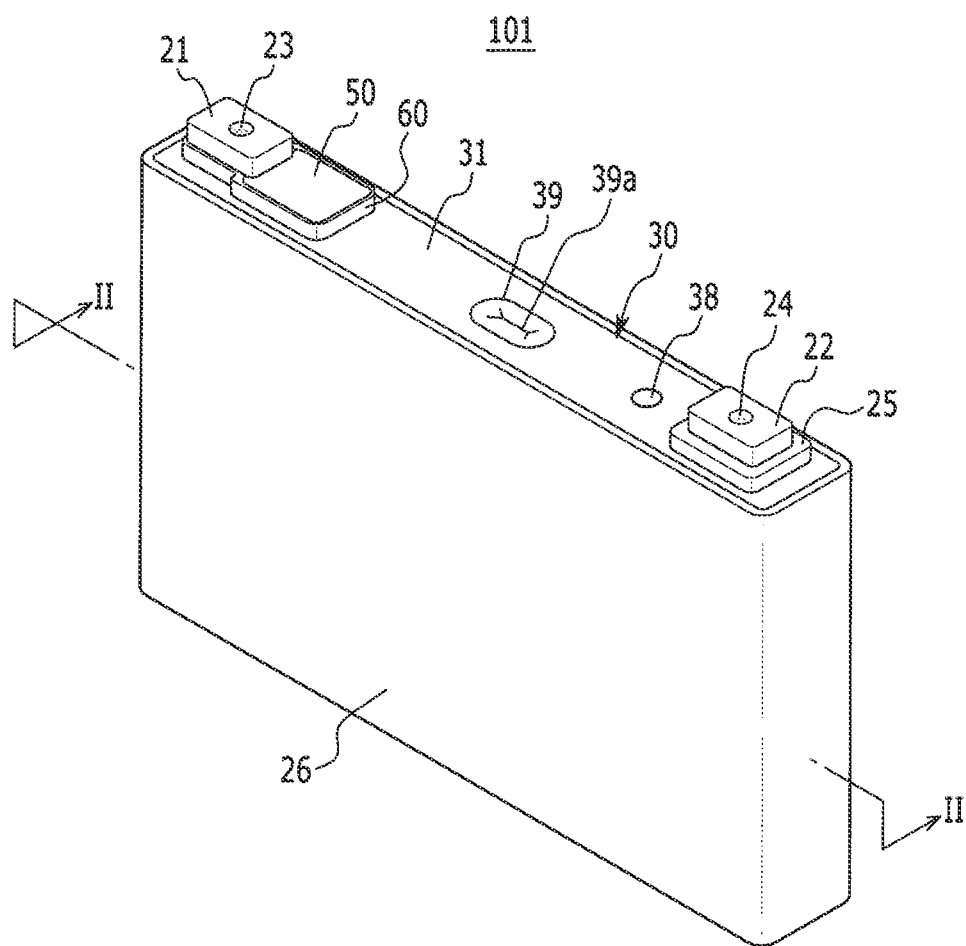




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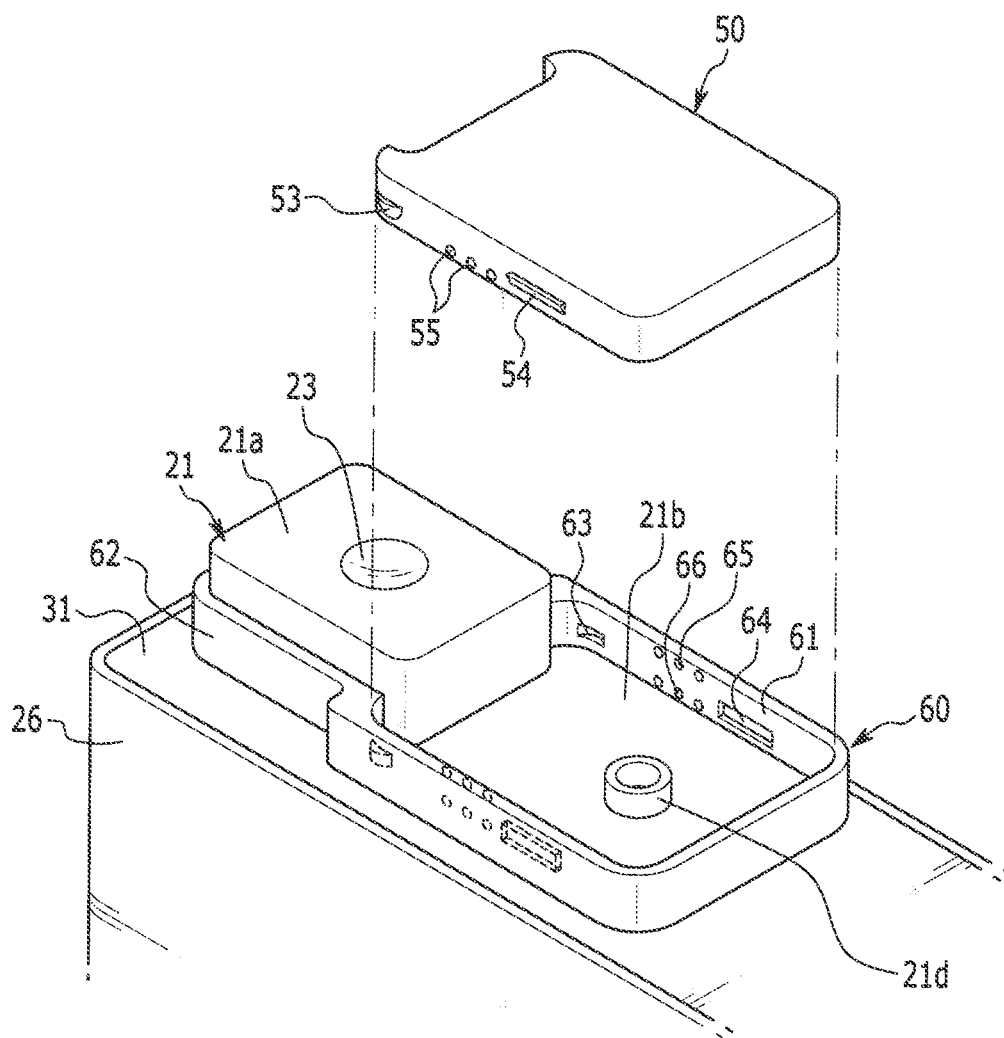


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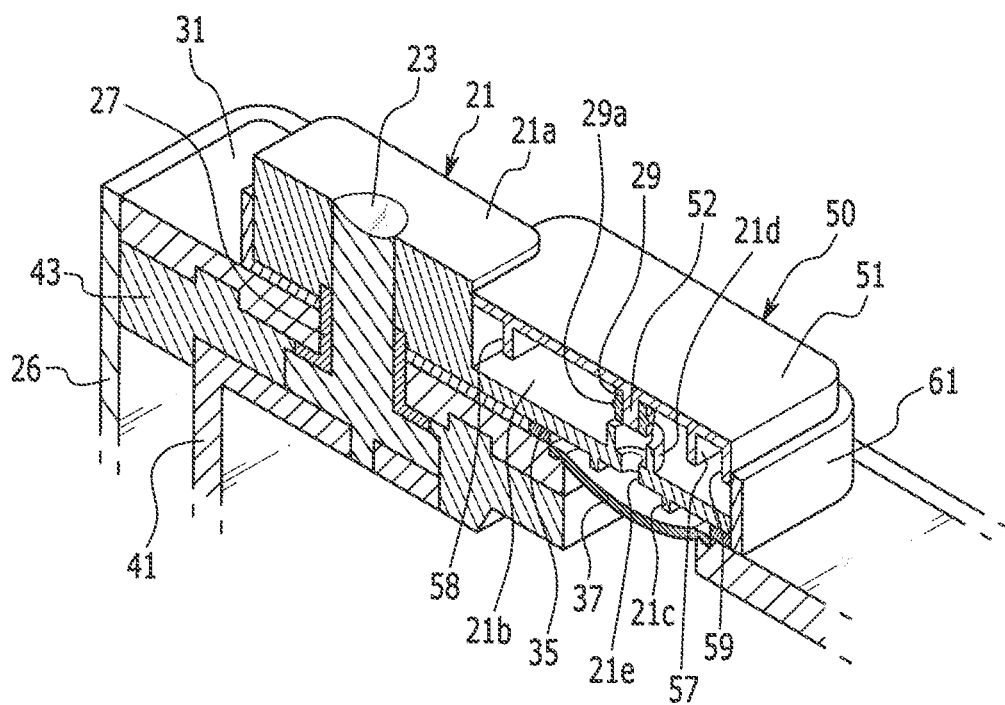


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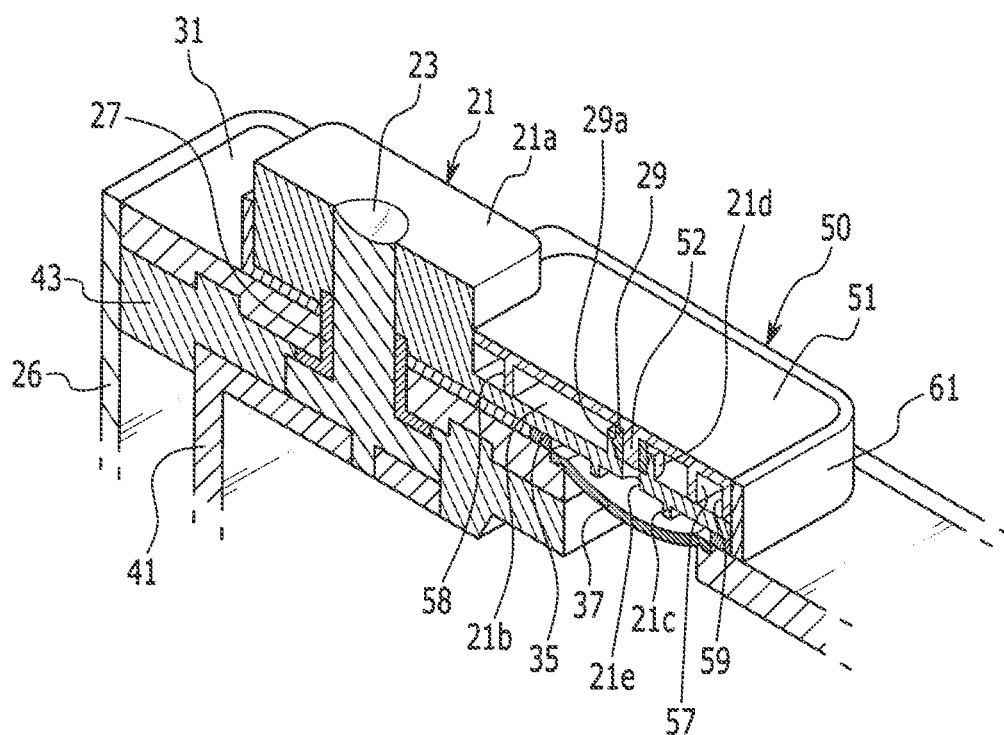


FIG. 6

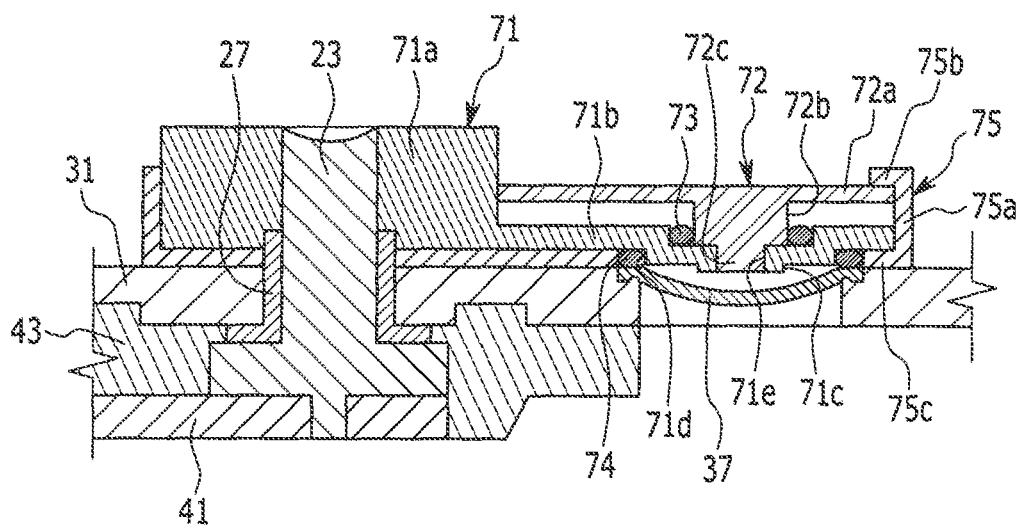
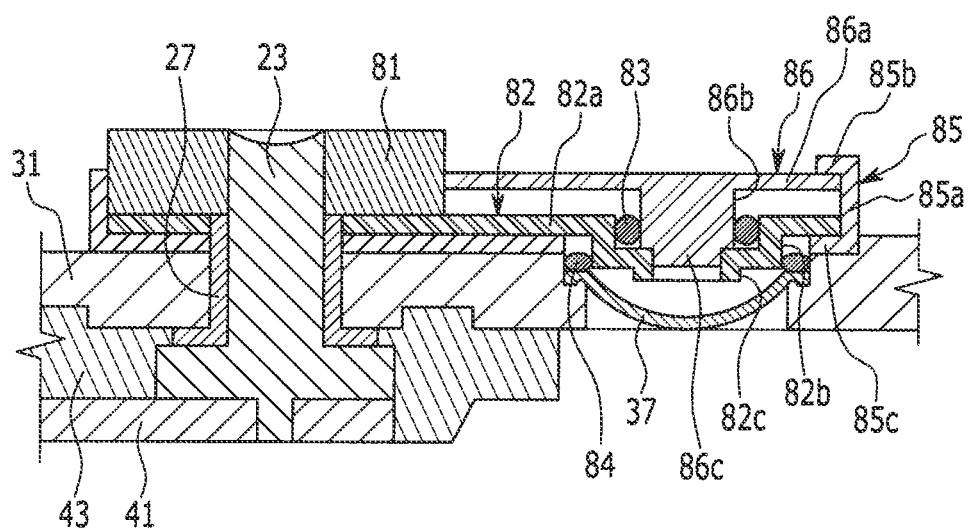


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**RECHARGEABLE BATTERY****CROSS-REFERENCE TO RELATED APPLICATIONS**

This application claims priority to and the benefit of Korean Patent Application No. 10-2011-0055120 filed in the Korean Intellectual Property Office on Jun. 8, 2011, the entire content of which is incorporated herein by reference.

**BACKGROUND**

## 1. Field

The described technology relates generally to a rechargeable battery.

## 2. Description of the Related Art

Unlike a primary battery that cannot be charged, a rechargeable battery can be repeatedly charged and discharged. A low capacity rechargeable battery is typically used for a portable small electronic device such as a mobile phone, a laptop computer, or a camcorder. A large capacity rechargeable battery is widely used as a power supply for driving a motor of a hybrid vehicle and the like.

Recently, a high-output rechargeable battery using a non-aqueous electrolyte solution of high energy density has been developed. The high-output rechargeable battery is configured of a large capacity battery module in which a plurality of rechargeable batteries are connected to each other in series to be used to drive a motor of devices requiring large power, for example, an electric car, or the like.

The battery module is configured by a plurality of rechargeable batteries that are generally coupled with each other in series, wherein each of the rechargeable batteries may be formed in a cylindrical shape, a square shape, and the like.

The above information disclosed in this Background section is only for enhancement of understanding of the background of the described technology and therefore it may contain information that does not form the prior art that is already known in this country to a person of ordinary skill in the art.

**SUMMARY**

The described technology has been made in an effort to provide a rechargeable battery having enhanced stability.

An exemplary embodiment provides a rechargeable battery including: an electrode assembly including a first electrode and a second electrode; a case receiving the electrode assembly; a cap plate combined with the case; a short-circuit tab electrically connected to the second electrode; a short-circuit member electrically connected to the first electrode and transformed according to a change in pressure to be electrically connected to the short-circuit tab; and a cover closing an opening formed in the short-circuit tab.

A sealing protrusion protruding towards the short-circuit tab to be inserted into the opening may be formed on the cover. An upper sealing member having elasticity may be formed on the external circumferential surface of the sealing protrusion.

A protruding sealing rib extending along the circumferential direction of the opening may be formed around the opening. An upper insulating member may be provided between the short-circuit tab and the cap plate, a first fixing portion to be insertion-combined with the upper insulating member may be formed on a sidewall of the cover, and a second fixing

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portion to be insertion-combined with the first fixing portion may be formed on the upper insulating member.

The first fixing portion may be formed of protrusions and the second fixing portion is formed of grooves. A provisional combining portion to be insertion-combinable with the first fixing portion may be formed in an upper portion of the second fixing portion.

A first protrusion that is spaced apart from the first fixing portion and is formed of a wedge shape may be formed on the cover, and a first groove with the first protrusion may be formed on an upper insulating member. A second protrusion having a longitudinal section in an arc shape may be formed on a corner of the cover, and a second groove to be inserted with the second protrusion may be formed on an upper insulating member.

A lower sealing member extending along the circumferential direction of a short-circuit hole in which the short-circuit member is installed may be provided between the cap plate and the short-circuit tab. A groove may be formed on the top surface of the short-circuit tab, a first protrusion protruding towards the short-circuit tab may be formed on the cover, and an upper sealing member may be provided between the groove and the first protrusion.

A hole extending to a lower portion of the cover may be formed in the groove, and a second protrusion that protrudes towards the lower portion and is inserted into the hole may be formed on the first protrusion. A short-circuit hole inserted with the short-circuit member may be formed in the cap plate, and a protrusion protruding towards the short-circuit member may be formed on the short-circuit tab, and a lower sealing member may be provided between the internal side of the short-circuit hole and the external side of the protrusion.

A terminal electrically connected to the second electrode may be mounted to the cap plate, the short-circuit tab may be integrally formed with the terminal, a short-circuit hole inserted with the short-circuit member may be formed in the cap plate, and the short-circuit tab may extend to the short-circuit hole. A protrusion protruding towards the short-circuit hole may be formed on the short-circuit tab.

According to exemplary embodiments, since an opening is formed in a short-circuit tab and a cover covering the opening is provided, it is possible to prevent or reduce a likelihood of a malfunction of a short-circuit member located in a lower portion by opening or closing the opening.

**BRIEF DESCRIPTION OF THE DRAWINGS**

FIG. 1 is a perspective view illustrating a rechargeable battery according to a first exemplary embodiment of the present invention.

FIG. 2 is a cross-sectional view taken along a line II-II of FIG. 1.

FIG. 3 is an exploded perspective view illustrating a portion of the rechargeable battery of FIG. 1.

FIG. 4 is a cut perspective view illustrating a cover being provisionally combined with the rechargeable battery of FIG. 1.

FIG. 5 is a cut perspective view illustrating a state where the cover is completely combined with the rechargeable battery of FIG. 1.

FIG. 6 is a partial cross-sectional view illustrating a rechargeable battery according to a second exemplary embodiment of the present invention.

FIG. 7 is a partial cross-sectional view illustrating a rechargeable battery according to a third exemplary embodiment of the present invention.

## DETAILED DESCRIPTION

The present invention will be described more fully herein-after with reference to the accompanying drawings, in which exemplary embodiments of the invention are shown. As those skilled in the art would realize, the described embodiments may be modified in various different ways, all without departing from the spirit or scope of the present invention. Like reference numerals designate like elements throughout the specification and the drawings.

FIG. 1 is a perspective view illustrating a rechargeable battery 101 according to a first exemplary embodiment of the present invention, and FIG. 2 is a cross-sectional view taken along a line II-II of FIG. 1.

Referring to FIGS. 1 and 2, the rechargeable battery 101 according to the first exemplary embodiment includes an electrode assembly 10 wound with a separator 13 located between a first electrode 11 and a second electrode 12, a case 26 embedded with and housing the electrode assembly 10, and a cap assembly 30 combined with an opening of the case 26.

The rechargeable battery 101 according to the first exemplary embodiment will be described by taking a lithium ion rechargeable battery in a square shape as an example. However, the present invention is not limited thereto and the present invention may be applied to various types of batteries such as a lithium polymer battery, a cylindrical battery, and the like.

The first electrode 11 and the second electrode 12, each includes a coating region where an active material is coated on a current collector formed of a thin metal foil, and uncoated regions 11a and 12a where the active material is not coated. In the exemplary embodiment, the first electrode 11 corresponds to a positive electrode and the second electrode 12 corresponds to a negative electrode. However, the present invention is not limited thereto and the first electrode 11 may correspond to the negative electrode and the second electrode 12 may correspond to the positive electrode.

The uncoated region 11a of the first electrode 11 is formed on one side end of the first electrode 11 along the lengthwise direction of the first electrode 11, and the uncoated region 12a of the second electrode 12 is formed on the other side end of the second electrode 12 along the lengthwise direction of the second electrode 12. The first electrode 11 and the second electrode 12 are wound around after interposing an insulator, that is, the separator 13 therebetween.

However, the present invention is not limited thereto and the electrode assembly 10 may be configured as a structure in which the first electrode and the second electrode formed by a plurality of sheets are layered with the separator located therebetween.

The case 26 is formed in an approximate cuboidal shape, and an opening is formed on one side of the case 26. The case 26 may be formed of a metal such as aluminum, stainless steel, and the like.

The cap assembly 30 includes a cap plate 31 covering the opening of the case 26, a first terminal 22 that protrudes towards the outside of the cap plate 31 and is electrically connected to the first electrode 11, and a second terminal 21 that protrudes towards the outside of the cap plate 31 and is electrically connected to the second electrode 12.

The cap plate 31 is formed in an elongated plate shape and is combined with the opening of the case 26. A sealing stopper 38 provided to an electrolyte injection opening 32 and a vent plate 39 are mounted to the cap plate 31. Here, the vent plate 39 is provided to a vent hole 34 and is formed with a notch 39a to be opened at a predetermined pressure. Also, a short-circuit

hole is formed in the cap plate 31 and a short-circuit member 37 that is transformed according to a change in internal pressure of the case 26 is mounted to the short-circuit hole. The short-circuit member 37 is provided in the shape of a plate spring so that it can be transformed or moved due to a change in pressure, and includes an edge portion and a protruding variable portion that is curved in an arch shape with respect to the edge portion.

The first terminal 22 is electrically connected to the first electrode 11 through a current collecting tab 42, and the second terminal 21 is electrically connected to the second electrode 12 through a current collecting tab 41. However, the present invention is not limited thereto and the first terminal 22 may be electrically connected to the second electrode and the second terminal 21 may be electrically connected to the first electrode.

The first terminal 22 is provided in the shape of an approximate square plate and is electrically connected to the current collecting tab 42 through a connecting terminal 24. An upper end of the connecting terminal 24 is fixed to the first terminal 22 by welding and a lower end of the connecting terminal 24 is fixed to the current collecting tab 42 by welding.

A gasket 28 for sealing is provided between the first terminal 22 and the cap plate 31 to be inserted into a hole through which a terminal passes, and a lower insulating member 45 insulating the connecting terminal 24 and the current collecting tab 42 from the cap plate 31 is located below the cap plate 31.

A connecting plate 25 electrically connecting the first terminal 22 and the cap plate 31 is provided between the first terminal 22 and the cap plate 31. Accordingly, the cap plate 31 can be positively charged.

The second terminal 21 is provided in the shape of an approximate square plate and is electrically connected to the current collecting tab 41 through a connecting terminal 23. An upper end of the connecting terminal 23 is fixed to the second terminal 21 by welding and a lower end of the connecting terminal 23 is fixed to the current collecting tab 41 by welding.

A gasket 27 for sealing is provided between the second terminal 21 and the cap plate 31 to be inserted into a hole through which the second terminal 21 passes, and a lower insulating member 43 insulating the second terminal 21 and the current collecting tab 41 from the cap plate 31 is located below the cap plate 31.

An upper insulating member 60 for insulation is provided between the second terminal 21 and the cap plate 31.

FIG. 3 is an exploded perspective view illustrating a part of the rechargeable battery 101 according to the first exemplary embodiment of the present invention, and FIG. 4 is a cut perspective view illustrating a state where a cover 50 is provisionally combined with the rechargeable battery 101 according to the first exemplary embodiment of the present invention.

Referring to FIGS. 3 and 4, the second terminal 21 includes a terminal portion 21a formed of a square pillar and a short-circuit tab 21b fixed to the terminal portion 21a. Even though the short-circuit tab 21b is integrally formed with the second terminal 21 as an example in the exemplary embodiment, the present invention is not limited thereto and thus, the short-circuit tab 21b may be fixed to the second terminal 21 by welding and the like.

The short-circuit tab 21b is provided in a planar shape and is provided to cover the short-circuit hole. An opening 21e connecting with the short-circuit hole is formed in the short-circuit tab 21b, and a protrusion 21c protruding towards the short-circuit member 37 is formed on the bottom of the short-

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circuit tab **21b**. The protrusion **21c** is formed around the opening **21e** and has a circular cross-section. Meanwhile, a protruding sealing rib **21d** elongated along the circumferential direction of the opening **21e** is formed on the top of the short-circuit tab **21b**.

When the internal pressure of the case **26** increases, the short-circuit member **37** is transformed or moved such that the protrusion **21c** of the short-circuit tab **21b** and the short-circuit member **37** are electrically connected to each other. In that case, the short-circuit tab **21b** is electrically connected to the negative electrode and the short-circuit member **37** is electrically connected to the positive electrode. Therefore, the positive electrode and the negative electrode are electrically connected to each other such that charged current is discharged and it is possible to prevent the explosion of the rechargeable battery **101**.

The cover **50** is provided above the short-circuit tab **21b** and the cover **50** is combined with an upper insulating member **60**. A first fixing portion **55** protruding from a lower portion of one side of the cover **50**, a first protrusion **54** that is spaced from the first fixing portion **55** and is formed of a wedge shape, and a second protrusion **53** that is formed in a corner portion towards the terminal portion **21a** are formed on the cover **50**. Even though the fixing portion **55** is formed of a protrusion as an example in the exemplary embodiment, the present invention is not limited thereto. The first fixing portion **55** may be formed of an insertion-combinable groove that is configured to be coupled with a corresponding member.

A plurality of first fixing portions **55** is formed on the cover **50** and thus, the first fixing portion **55** is provided in a partial spherical shape and is positioned in the lower portion of the side of the cover **50**.

The first protrusion **54** extends along the side surface of the cover **50**, and has a longitudinal section in a wedge shape. The first protrusion **54** is formed to have a protruding height gradually increased from the lower portion of the cover **50** to an upper portion of the cover **50**. The second protrusion **53** is formed on a front corner of the cover **50** and has a longitudinal section in an arc shape. The second protrusion **53** is also formed to have a protruding height gradually increased from the lower portion of the cover **50** to the upper portion of the cover **50**.

A sealing protrusion **52** protruding towards the short-circuit tab **21b** to be inserted into the sealing rib **21d** is formed on the bottom of the cover **50**, and an upper sealing member **29** formed of an elastic material is provided to the circumference of the sealing protrusion **52**. The upper sealing member **29** is attached to the external circumferential surface of the sealing protrusion **52**, and a protrusion **29a** protrudes around a periphery of the upper sealing member **29**. Accordingly, when the sealing protrusion **52** is inserted into the sealing rib **21d**, the upper sealing member **29** closely contacts the sealing protrusion **52** and the sealing rib **21d** to stably seal the opening **21e**.

Also, support ribs **57**, **58**, and **59** protruding towards the short-circuit tab **21b** are formed on the cover **50**, and the support ribs **57**, **58**, and **59** contact the short-circuit tab **21b** to support the cover **50**.

The upper insulating member **60** includes a bottom portion located below the second terminal **21**, a first sidewall **62** surrounding the terminal portion **21a**, and a second sidewall **61** surrounding the cover **50**. A provisional combining portion **65** primarily insertion-combined with the first fixing portion **55** and a second fixing portion **66** that passes the provisional combining portion **65** to be insertion-combined with the first fixing portion **55** are formed on the second sidewall **61**. The provisional combining portion **65** and the

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second fixing portion **66** are formed of grooves. The provisional combining portion **65** is formed in an upper portion of the second sidewall **61** and the second fixing portion **66** is formed in the lower portion of the second sidewall **61**.

Accordingly, when the cover **50** is provisionally combined, the first fixing portion **55** is inserted into the provisional combining portion **65**. When the cover **50** is completely combined, the first fixing portion **55** is inserted into the second fixing portion **66**. In one embodiment, a first groove **64** inserted with the first protrusion **54** and a second groove **63** inserted with the second protrusion **53** are formed on the upper insulating member **60**. Accordingly, the cover **50** may be stably combined with the upper insulating member **60** through combination between the protrusions **53** and **54** and the grooves **63** and **64**.

A lower sealing member **35** extending along the short-circuit hole and formed of a ring shape is provided between the cap plate **31** and the short-circuit tab **21b**. Accordingly, it is possible to stably seal the space between the short-circuit tab **21b** and the cap plate **31**.

As shown in FIG. 4, when the first fixing portion **55** is insertion-combined or coupled to the provisional combining portion **65**, the sealing protrusion **52** is not inserted into the sealing rib **21d** and thus, the opening **21e** is not sealed. As shown in FIG. 5, when the first fixing portion **55** is insertion-combined with or coupled to the second fixing portion **66**, the sealing protrusion **52** is inserted into the sealing rib **21d** to stably seal the opening **21e**. Accordingly, by inserting the first fixing portion **55** into the provisional combining portion **65** or the second fixing portion **66** depending on external environments, it is possible to open or seal the opening **21e** formed in the short-circuit tab **21b**.

As described above, according to the exemplary embodiment, even when the external pressure changes, for example, when the external pressure decreases due to air transportation and the like, it is possible to stably prevent a malfunction of the short-circuit member **37**. When the internal pressure of the rechargeable battery **101** elevates, it is possible to operate the short-circuit member **37** at a set pressure.

FIG. 6 is a partial cross-sectional view illustrating a rechargeable battery according to a second exemplary embodiment of the present invention.

Referring to FIG. 6, the rechargeable battery according to the exemplary embodiment is configured to be the same as the rechargeable battery **101** according to the first exemplary embodiment, except for the structure of a second terminal **71**, a cover **72**, and an upper insulating member **75** and thus, repeating description related to the same structure will be omitted.

The second terminal **71** includes a terminal portion **71a** provided in a rectangular shape and a short-circuit tab **71b** fixed to a lower end of the terminal portion **71a**. Even though the short-circuit tab **71b** is integrally formed with the second terminal **71** as an example in the exemplary embodiment, the present invention is not limited thereto. The short-circuit tab may be fixed to the second terminal by welding and the like.

The short-circuit tab **71b** is formed of a planar shape and is located to cover a short-circuit hole. A hole **71e** connected with the short-circuit hole is formed in the short-circuit tab **71b**, a first protrusion **71d** protruding towards the short-circuit member **37** is formed on the bottom of the short-circuit tab **71b**, and a second protrusion **71c** further protruding than the first protrusion **71d** is formed on the first protrusion **71d**. The second protrusion **71c** is formed on the hole **71e** and a groove is formed on the top surface of the first protrusion **71d**.

The cover **72** is provided above the short-circuit tab **71b**, and the cover **72** includes an upper plate **72a**, a first protrusion

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**72b** protruding from the upper plate **72a** towards the short-circuit tab **71b** be inserted into a groove, and a second protrusion **72c** protruding downward from the first protrusion **72b** to be inserted into the hole **71e**.

An upper sealing member **73** is provided on the external circumferential surface of the first protrusion **72b**. When the first protrusion **72b** is inserted into the groove, the upper sealing member **73** may closely contact with the first protrusion **72b** and the groove to stably seal the hole **71e**. The upper sealing member **73** has a thickness direction and a height direction, and the upper sealing member **73** is pressurized in the thickness direction.

An upper insulating member **75** includes a bottom portion located below the second terminal **71**, a sidewall **75a** surrounding the second terminal **71**, and a support portion **75b** protruding inward from an upper end of the sidewall **75a**.

The support portion **75b** is formed to extend along the sidewall **75a** and contacts the top surface of the cover **72** to fix the cover **72**.

A lower sealing member **74** extending along the short-circuit hole and formed of a ring shape is provided between the bottom portion and the first protrusion **71d**. Accordingly, it is possible to stably seal the space between the short-circuit tab **71b** and the cap plate **31**. The lower sealing member **74** has a thickness direction and a height direction, and the lower sealing member **74** is pressurized in the thickness direction.

FIG. 7 is a partial cross-sectional view illustrating a rechargeable battery according to a third exemplary embodiment of the present invention.

Referring to FIG. 7, a rechargeable battery according to the exemplary embodiment is configured to be the same as the rechargeable battery **101** according to the first exemplary embodiment, except for the structure of a second terminal **81**, a cover **86**, and an upper insulating member **85** and thus, repeating description related to the same structure will be omitted.

The second terminal **81** is provided in the shape of a square pillar and a short-circuit tab **82** in a planar shape is provided below the second terminal **81**. The short-circuit tab **82** is electrically connected to the second terminal **81**, and extends below the second terminal **81** to a short-circuit hole, to thereby cover the short-circuit hole. A hole connected with the short-circuit hole is formed in the short-circuit tab **82**, a first protrusion **82b** protruding towards the short-circuit member **37** is formed on the bottom of the short-circuit tab **82**, and a second protrusion **82c** further protruding than the first protrusion **82b** is formed on the first protrusion **82b**. A hole is formed in the second protrusion **82c** and a groove is formed on the top surface of the first protrusion **82b**.

The cover **86** is provided above the short-circuit tab **82**, and the cover **86** includes an upper plate **86a**, a first protrusion **86b** protruding from the upper plate **86a** towards the short-circuit tab **82** to be inserted into the groove, and a second protrusion **86c** protruding downward from the first protrusion **86b** to be inserted into the hole.

An upper sealing member **83** is provided on the external circumferential surface of the first protrusion **86b**. When the first protrusion **86b** is inserted into the groove, the upper sealing member **83** may closely contact the first protrusion **86b** and the groove, to thereby stably seal the hole. The upper sealing member **83** has a thickness direction and a height direction, and the upper sealing member **83** is pressurized in the thickness direction.

An upper insulating member **85** includes a bottom portion located below the second terminal **81**, a sidewall **85a** surrounding the second terminal **81**, and a support portion **85b** protruding inward from an upper end of the sidewall **85a**.

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The support portion **85b** is formed to extend along the sidewall **85a** and contacts the top surface of the cover **86** to fix the cover **86**.

A lower sealing member **84** extending along the short-circuit hole and formed of a ring shape is provided between the cap plate **31** and the first protrusion **82b**. Accordingly, it is possible to stably seal the space between the short-circuit tab **82** and the cap plate **31**. The lower sealing member **84** has a thickness direction and a height direction, and the lower sealing member **84** is pressurized in the thickness direction.

While this invention has been described in connection with what is presently considered to be practical exemplary embodiments, it is to be understood that the invention is not limited to the disclosed embodiments, but, on the contrary, is intended to cover various modifications and equivalent arrangements included within the spirit and scope of the appended claims.

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<Description of symbols>

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101: Rechargeable battery	10: Electrode assembly
11: First electrode	12: Second electrode
13: Separator	21: Second terminal
22: First terminal	21a: Terminal portion
21b: Short-circuit tab	21c: Protrusion
21d: Sealing rib	21e: Hole
23, 24: Connecting terminal	25: Connecting plate
26: Case 27	28: Gasket
29: Upper sealing member	29a: Protrusion
30: Cap assembly	31: Cap plate
32: Electrolyte injection opening	35: Lower sealing member
37: Short-circuit member	38: Sealing stopper
34: Vent hole	39: Vent plate
41, 42: Current collecting tab	43: Lower insulating member
45: Lower insulating member	50: Cover
52: Sealing protrusion	54: First protrusion
53: Second protrusion	55: First fixing portion
60: Upper insulating member	61: Second sidewall
62: First sidewall	64: First groove
63: Second groove	65: Provisional combining portion
66: Second fixing portion	

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What is claimed is:

1. A rechargeable battery comprising:
  - an electrode assembly comprising a first electrode and a second electrode;
  - a case housing the electrode assembly;
  - a cap plate coupled to the case;
  - a short-circuit tab electrically coupled to the second electrode, the short-circuit tab having an opening and a protrusion extending towards the electrode assembly;
  - a short-circuit member electrically coupled to the first electrode and configured to be moved by a change in pressure to be electrically coupled to the short-circuit tab;
  - a cover covering the opening in the short-circuit tab; and
  - an upper insulating member located between the short-circuit tab and the cap plate, a first fixing portion configured to be coupled to the upper insulating member on a sidewall of the cover, and a second fixing portion configured to be coupled to the first fixing portion on the upper insulating member.
2. The rechargeable battery of claim 1, wherein the first fixing portion comprises protrusions and wherein the second fixing portion comprises grooves.
3. The rechargeable battery of claim 1, further comprising a provisional combining portion configured to be coupled to the first fixing portion in an upper portion of the second fixing portion.
4. The rechargeable battery of claim 1, further comprising a wedge-shaped first protrusion spaced from the first fixing

portion on the cover, and a first groove accommodating the first fixing portion on an upper insulating member.

5. A rechargeable battery comprising:

an electrode assembly comprising a first electrode and a second electrode;

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a case housing the electrode assembly;

a cap plate coupled to the case;

a short-circuit tab electrically coupled to the second electrode, the short-circuit tab having an opening and a protrusion extending towards the electrode assembly;

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a short-circuit member electrically coupled to the first electrode and configured to be moved by a change in pressure to be electrically coupled to the short-circuit tab;

a cover covering the opening in the short-circuit tab; and a groove on a top surface of the short-circuit tab, a first protrusion on the cover and protruding towards the short-circuit tab, and an upper sealing member located between the groove and the first protrusion.

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6. The rechargeable battery of claim 5, further comprising an opening extending to a lower portion of the cover in the groove and a second protrusion protruding towards the lower portion and within the opening on the first protrusion.

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7. The rechargeable battery of claim 5, further comprising a short-circuit opening within the short-circuit member in the cap plate, a protrusion protruding towards the short-circuit member on the short-circuit tab, and a lower sealing member located between an internal side of the short-circuit opening and an external side of the protrusion.

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